

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

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### **“Abstract**

The invention relates to a contacting unit for a card-shaped support element of electronic components, such as for ISO 7816 chipcards, whereby the unit includes a housing in the form of a plug-in card with a base plate and a cover plate which is congruent in the transverse direction, a slot-like plug-in port between the base plate and the cover plate including an opening on a face of the housing for accepting the electronic component, a plug connector strip on a face of the housing, a circuit board arranged in the housing parallel to the plug-in port, the circuit board electronically connected to the plug connector strip and including on its surface a contact field for contacting the electronic component, and whereby the base plate includes a lower-lip type projection located in an area proximate to the plug-in port in direction of insertion of the electronic component.”